

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Julie Barrett	Lisa Eccles
Jack Bender	Christian Gardner
H. David Burton (Chair)	Jim Sorenson
Phillip W. Clinger (Vice Chair)	

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Cristina Ortega	Steve Price
Taft Price	

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Brenda Bowen	Director of Global Change & Sustainability Center
Fred C. Esplin	Vice President, Institutional Advancement
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Chris Hill	Special Assistant to the President and Athletic Director
Xan Johnson	President, Academic Senate
Laura Marks	Liaison to the Board of Trustees
Courtney McBeth	Director, Education Hinckley Institute of Politics
Rob Muir	Administrative Services, Treasury Services
Maria O'Mara	Director, Communications
David W. Pershing	President
Annalisa Purser	Communications Specialist
Patricia A. Ross	Chief Strategy Officer, Secretary to the University
Peter Trapa	2016 – 2017 Presidential Fellow, Mathematics Department Chair
Phyllis Vetter	General Counsel
William J. Warren	Chief Marketing and Communications Officer
Ruth V. Watkins	Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs
Karen West	Executive Assistant, Board of Trustees
Amy Wildermuth	Associate Vice President, Faculty
Myron Willson	Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer
Gordon Wilson	Associate Vice President Administrative Services

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 - Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:04 AM in the S. J. Quinney College of Law, John J. Flynn Faculty Workshop Room. Chair H. David Burton welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. He excused Cristina Ortega, J. Steven Price, Taft Price, and Senior Vice President Vivian Lee who were unable to attend.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Action 2.01 – Current Events and Announcements

Chair Burton thanked Patti Ross and Gordon Wilson who chaired the FanUp committee and other committee members for their hard work on the FanUp campaign. There was a noticeable difference in the atmosphere at the Utah vs. BYU football. Chair Burton mentioned that our fans are embracing the FanUp campaign and welcoming our visiting guests. The University has received phone calls and letters complementing the University of their efforts. Chair Burton welcomed our newest Trustee Jim Sorenson.

Trustee Julie Barrett noted the deadline for Alumni Awards nominations which is September 30th and encouraged the Board Members to please submit a nomination.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Action: 3.01 – Honors and Awards to Members of the University Community, Distinguished Visitors and Research

President Pershing noted the written report in the agenda materials. The President mentioned that *U.S. News and World Report* released its 2016-2017 Best Hospital Rankings. The University of Utah's Huntsman Cancer Institute is listed as one of the top 50 cancer hospitals in the country and University of Utah Hospital ranked #1 in Utah and in the Salt Lake City metro area. On August 31st the S. J. Quinney College of Law celebrated its one-year anniversary of the opening of its state-of-the art law school and also announced the facility has been awarded a prestigious LEED platinum designation by the U.S. Green Building Council. President Pershing recognized Dr. Vivian Lee as one of the 12 female CEOs making a mark in healthcare.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix I with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

Information: 3.02 – Current Events

President Pershing introduced Peter Trapa, who is the President's 2016 – 2017 Presidential Fellow. Dr. Trapa also serves as the distinguished chair of the mathematics department.

The President also noted the following upcoming events:

September 22 – Lassonde Grand Opening
 September 29 – Employee Appreciation Day
 September 30 – October 9 – Homecoming Week
 Homecoming Theme - #UUThrowback
 Homecoming Game – October 6
 October 7 – President's Dinner
 October 28 – OSH Groundbreaking

UNIVERSITY FOCUS

Report: 4.01 – Sustainability Efforts

Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins introduced Amy Wildermuth, Associate Vice President for Faculty; Brenda Bowen, Director of Global Change & Sustainability Center; Myron Wilson, Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer, who gave an overview of the campuses sustainability efforts.

Amy Wildermuth began the presentation by asking the question, “Why is sustainability important?” As students are choosing a campus to attend one of their top concerns is sustainability and campus efforts towards sustainability. Previously the sustainability office was housed under the facilities umbrella, which is typical of many campuses, but the efforts were disconnected from the academic enterprise. The University of Utah moved its sustainability office, which now reports directly to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs with a dotted line to Senior Vice President Vivian Lee. This has helped integrate the academic mission of the University with the efforts of the sustainability office. The sustainability office works with great partners who collaborate with sustainability office on various projects. Their job is to bring different constituencies together to solve common problems, and the charge of the Sustainability Office is to help and support. One of the biggest misconceptions is that the office is tied to environmental advocacy. The sustainability office are not advocates, they are here to support the sustainability mission of the university. They support the institution on what they would like to accomplish with the great partnership that have been established and will be established.

Brenda Bowen's role is director of Global Change and Sustainability Center, which is a network of faculty across campus, who are working on sustainability scholarships and linking the efforts of sustainability to academic's mission of research education. They are creating an environment of interdisciplinary faculty coming together to address some of the most challenging problems facing society today. Building the best is much like building a home, three important parts are:

- Location – In this location individuals are very connected with their environment, what is going on around them, and environmental changes. The intention is to use these connections to develop ground breaking research.
- Home – There are amazing world-class facilities here on campus.
- People – We've built the best by recruiting faculty who are working in interdisciplinary teams.

Myron Wilson mentioned that the campus is a living lab and a model for what is possible. Its not just about reducing emissions but about bringing people together and building constituencies.

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

Report: 5.01 – Academic Affairs Report

Senior Vice President Ruth Watkins noted a reception was held last week to welcome new faculty to campus. The reception is a way to help the new faculty find a community here on campus and to help them feel connected and supported. Watkins also noted that we are close to the official report on enrollment and final information will be coming soon. Watkins also commented on the amazing facilities that support and house our faculty, staff and students. We are thrilled with the opening of the Thomas S. Monson Center, which is a wonderful place for our work and an extension of the university into the relationships into the community. The biggest and best news of the fall was taking offline the largest classroom building (Orson Spencer Hall) without complaint or problem.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 6.01 – Academic Senate Report

Academic Senate President Xan Johnson reported the senate has held their first meeting of the academic year. The meeting was energized and productive. Three things of interest to the Trustees are:

- New degrees – noted below on the general consent calendar
- New Emphasis – noted below on the general consent calendar
- Student counseling, student need, and crisis management - will be an ongoing conversation all year

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 7.01 – Minutes of the August 9, 24 and September 7 Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Action (Consent): 7.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 7.03 – Sabbatical Request (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 7.04 – Sponsored Projects Report (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 7.05 – Monthly Comparison (Gifts) Report (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 7.06 – Discretionary Funds Report (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 7.07 – BS in Quantitative Analysis of Markets and Organizations with Emphases in (1) Business Economics and Analytics and (2) Finance (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 7.08 – Emphasis in Business Economics and Analytics for Economics BA/BS (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 7.09 – Masters of Software Engineering (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 7.10 – Minor in Joint Military Leadership (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 7.11 – Undergraduate Certificate in Financial Planning (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 7.12 – Discontinuation of Geography MA (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 7.13 – Emphasis in (1) Human Ecology and (2) Archaeological Sciences for Anthropology BA/BS (Appendix XIV)

Action (Consent): 7.14 - Report of Investments Portfolio – for the Months of July 2016 (Appendix XV)

Action (Consent): 7.15 – Administrative Reports from the University of Utah to the State Building Board (Appendix XVI)

Chair Burton introduced the General Consent Calendar and asked for questions or comments. There were no questions or concerns raised by the Trustees.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Julie Barrett, second by Christian Gardner. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Julie Barrett, Jack Bender, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Lisa Eccles, Christian Gardner, and Jim Sorenson

Background materials are included in the Appendix (as noted above) and are on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

ACTION

Action: 8.01 – Naming of Facilities in the Department of Athletics

Vice President Fred Esplin introduced the naming of the facilities in the Department of Athletics.

Brent and Ann Wilson Practice Field – Brent and Ann Wilson committed to donating \$2,000,000 to the new practice field behind the Eccles Indoor Practice Facility, and the University would like to name the field in their honor.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XVII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

Motion to approve item 8.01 by Phil Clinger, second by Jack Bender. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Julie Barrett, Jack Bender, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Lisa Eccles, Christian Gardner, and Jim Sorenson

Action: 8.02 – ASUU Budget

Trustee Jack Bender introduced the ASUU Budget. The budget was passed by Senate and Assembly over the summer, and was reviewed and passed unanimously by University Joint Apportionment Board in August. The variances within the budget include:

- A 2.5 percent increase in the anticipated ASUU revenue from student fee generation of currently enrolled students.
- Shifting of board budgets to account for previously passed restructuring of particular Executive Cabinet positions and boards.
- Adjustments were made to reflect actual spending trends of the Senate, Assembly and the Supreme Court.
- The increase includes one new position and salary adjustments for exempt employees in the staff salaries line.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XVIII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

Motion to approve item 8.02 by Jack Bender, second by Julie Barrett. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Julie Barrett, Jack Bender, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Lisa Eccles, Christian Gardner, and Jim Sorenson

INFORMATION AGENDA

Information 9.01 – Graduate Council Review – College of Law

Information 9.02 – Graduate Council Review – Political Science

Information 9.03 – Graduate Council Review – Linguistics

Information 9.04 – Graduate Council Review – Educational Psychology

Chair Burton introduced the Graduate Council Review. There were no questions or concerns raised by the Trustees.

Copy of the Graduate Council Review is included as Appendix XIXI - XXII, respectively, with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

ADJOURN

Resolution: Chair H. David Burton recommended approval to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 9:50 a.m. the September 13, 2016 adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held October 11, 2016.

Motion to approve by Lisa Eccles, second by Jim Sorenson. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.

Aye: Aye: Julie Barrett, Jack Bender, David Burton, Philip W. Clinger, Lisa Eccles, Christian Gardner, and Jim Sorenson

Signed by: Laura Marks

Date approved: 11 October 2016